Allegations against High Commission Official in Trinidad and Tobago

1513. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Consual General of India or some other official in our High Commission in Trinidad and Tobago had recently reported that the Governmet of St. Kitts was seriously enquiring into the alleged accounts of Shri Ajeya Singh;

(b) if so, on what basis was this report submitted; and

(c) whether Government have investigated this matter; if so, the results therof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The whole Question is under verification.

Indian Islands

1514. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian Islands in the (i) Bay of Bengal, (ii) Sindhu Sagar and (iii) Hind Maha Sagar:

(b) the number of those in each area which have postal, educational and medical facilities;

(c) the number of those in each area which are un-inhabited and those which form or are near India's sea border; and

(d) what protective arrangements have been made so that some of these un-inhabitted Islands are not occupied by foreigners ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (d) There are a total number of 1,197 Islands including islets, reafs and isolated rocks under the Indian jurisdiction in Bay of Bengal, Arabian sea, Andaman sea and Lakshadweep sea. All the 48 inhabited Islands, under the administrative control of Andaman and Nicobar and Lakshadweep Administrations, have postal, educational and medical facilities. The remaining Islands are un-inhabited, Indian Navy maintains regular surface and air surveillance over these Islands in order to safeguard the National interests.

Creating the climate of tolerance and fraternity

1515. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to create a climate of tolerance and fraternity among all social groups through national reconciliation;

(b) if so, the details in this regards;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to achieve this objective; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The National Integration Council has been reconstituted in February, 1990 and it held its first meeting on 11th April, 1990 in New Delhi. In this meeting a unanimous resolution for national reconciliation was also adopted, a

copy of which is attached. (*See below*).

Resoultion adopted by
The National Integration Council

The National Integration Council, at its meeing held at New Delhi on 11th April, 1990, expresses its grave concern over the escalation in terrorist violence in Punjab and the anti-national activities of secessionists in the Kashmir Valley, the emergence of forces of separatism in Assam and the increase in commuanal tension in the country. This meeting also notes with anxiety the re-emergence with greater severity, of destabilising forces which are operating in the garb of terrorism, communal fanaticism and separatism which are receiving assistance from across the border.

2. After recieving the communal situation in the country, the Council resolves to set up a Committee to recommend a plan of action to effectively counter this growing menace.

3. In revard to Ram Janma Bhoomi Babri Masjid controversy, the Council appeals to all concerned to exercise utmost restraint and seek an amicable solution of the problem as early as possible.

4. The Council reaffirms the resolve of the nation and the determination of all political parties and groups to defend the freedom, unity, integrity and secular character of the nation. It also reiterates its resolve to mobilies all nationalist, democratic and secular forces to meet the challenge of violence, secessionism, communalism and fundamentalism.

5. The Council affirms the resolve of the people to meet the challenges facing the country's unity, integrity and its secular democratic polity in a united and determined manner.

Protection to minorities

1516. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to provided fullest protection to religious and ethnic minorities in pursuing their modes of worships, following their personal laws and development of their institutions;

(b) if so, the details of these commitments;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to achieve their Commitments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The people of India have opted for a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC with provisions for Justicer Liberty, Equality and Fraternity for the unity and integrity of the nation. The Constitution has also provided adequate provisions for protection to religious and ethnic minorities *vide* Articles 25, 26, 29 and 30 of the Constitution.

Telephone Connection from Shahdara Exchange

1517. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1932 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1990 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the new telephone connections released in Shahdara Exchange with level No. 228 are from the Non-OYT or SS category; and